
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ATTACHMENT A OF THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORM WATER DISCHARGES FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive public comment on the proposed Executive Order to amend Attachment A, Traditional Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Designation and Monitoring Matrix of the existing Small MS4 Statewide General Permit.¹ The proposed amendment includes:

- (1) Corrections to the identification of permittees due to formatting errors that truncated several permittee names;
- (2) Separation of Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Water Agency as two individual permittees; and
- (3) Rescission of the designation of several Regulated Small MS4 permittees or portions thereof that are now permitted under a North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (North Coast Water Board) MS4 Permit.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The State Water Board adopted the initial Small MS4 Statewide General Permit in 2003 (2003 Small MS4 Statewide General Permit). In 2013, the State Water Board issued a new Small MS4 Statewide General Permit¹ (2013 Small MS4 Statewide General Permit). On October 8, 2015, the North Coast Water Board adopted an MS4 Permit² that provides coverage to large and medium size MS4s and to several small MS4s that have permit coverage under the 2013 Small MS4 Statewide General Permit. As provided in Section G of the Small MS4 Statewide General Permit, permittees that are regulated under a Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) permit shall no longer be regulated under the 2013 Small MS4 Statewide General Permit.

¹ State Water Board Order 2013-0001-DWQ

² North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Order R1-2015-0030

Additionally, State and Regional Water Board staff identified truncation and formatting errors in Attachment A of the 2013 Small MS4 Statewide General Permit. The full names of the following seven permittees in Attachment A were mistakenly truncated:

- Sonoma County and Sonoma County Water Agency
- Tamalpais-Homestead Valley Census Designated Place
- San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- Port of San Francisco
- City of Paso Robles
- Madera Ranchos Census Designated Place

The Executive Order proposes to correct the truncation errors. These permittees remain enrolled in the 2013 Small MS4 Statewide General Permit and subject to the statewide permit requirements.

Lastly, due to a processing error, Attachment A incorrectly lists Sonoma County and the Sonoma County Water Agency as co-permittees instead of individual permittees. The Executive Order proposes to correct this error.

Following consideration of public comments, the Executive Director will consider approval of the proposed amendments to the 2013 Small MS4 Statewide General Permit. Public Comments in response to this Notice must be limited to the proposed amendments. Public comments outside the scope of the proposed amendments will not be considered in this matter.

An interested person may request in writing that a public hearing be conducted on the matters presented in the proposed Executive Order. A request for a public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Upon review of the request(s), the Executive Director, at his discretion, may schedule a public hearing to take place before consideration of approval of the amendments. The Executive Director will schedule a public hearing if there is a significant degree of public interest.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The proposed amendment and related documents are available to view or download at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/phase_ii_municipal.shtml.

Interested parties may request a paper copy of the proposed amendment by contacting Mr. Leo Cosentini at (916) 341-5524 or Leo.Cosentini@waterboards.ca.gov.

SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Interested parties may submit written comments electronically, by mail, or hand delivery. Written comments **must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 22, 2016** and addressed to:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Comment letters may be submitted electronically, in PDF text format (if less than 15 megabytes in total size), to the Clerk to the Board via email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov. If the file is greater than 15 megabytes in total size, then the comment letter may be submitted by fax at (916) 341-5620. Please also indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – "Amendment to Attachment A of Small MS4 Statewide General Permit."**"

Couriers delivering hard copies of the comment letters must check with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about this notice may be directed to Mr. Leo Cosentini at (916) 341-5524 or Leo.Cosentini@waterboards.ca.gov.

Date March 22, 2016



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